

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A television system, said system comprising:

a display screen;

a broadcast data receiver connected to said display screen for receiving broadcast digital data in the form of audio, video and/or auxiliary data from a remote broadcaster and for processing said data to allow video and/or text to be selectively viewed on said display screen, said video and text which can be selected, including details of programs available for selection by a viewer; and

when a program which is selected for viewing is part of a series of programs, at a pre-determined time point during or at the end of the selected program, an indication is generated by the broadcast data receiver to inform the viewer of the details of the scheduled display of the next episode of the series of programs and is based on information provided in a text display in said display screen.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein said indication is generated when said broadcast data receiver detects the end of the selected program and said broadcast data receiver searches, or has already searched, through an electronic program guide data in said broadcast data receiver to identify the scheduled showing of the next episode of the program series.

4. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein said data relating to the scheduled showing of the next episode of the program series is broadcast by said remote broadcaster in conjunction with the data for the selected program whereupon an indication is generated in response to the received data.

5. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein said indication is typically generated from auxiliary data broadcast from a broadcaster and used for the generation of an electronic program guide.

6. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein said indication may include any from the group consisting of the date when the next episode is to be shown, the time at which the next episode is to be shown, the channel on which the next episode is to be shown, and a description of the content of the next episode.

7. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein when the next episode is to be repeated a number of times over a time period, said indication includes details of all showings of the next episode, in that period.

8. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein said indication includes details of the showing of the next episode of the program which does not overlap with any other bookmarked programs previously selected by the viewer.

9. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein said indication is in the form of a text message displayed on said display screen, and overlaid on video data displayed at that time.

10. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 9 wherein said displayed text is provided on a semi-transparent background

11. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein display of said indication on said display screen, the viewer has an option of hiding said indication by using an appropriate control key on control means provided.

12. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein said indication is in the form of an audio message generated by said broadcast data receiver via speakers connected thereto.

13. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein the viewer can set a reminder function so that said broadcast data receiver informs them when the next episode is to be shown at a time nearer the scheduled showing of the next episode.

14. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein the viewer can recall said indication prior to the scheduled showing of the episode by depression of a pre-selected key on control means for said television system.

15. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein said indication which is generated is displayed for a period of time determined by the user and/or broadcaster.

16. (Previously Presented) A television system according to Claim 1 wherein said indication includes information relating to when a repeat of the selected program is to be shown.

17. (Previously Presented) A method of indicating to a viewer of a television program when a scheduled showing of the next episode or episodes in a series of television programs is/are to occur on a television system including a broadcast data receiver for receiving broadcast digital data in the form of audio, video and/or auxiliary data from a remote broadcaster and processing said data for viewing on a display screen and/or listening via speakers connected to the broadcast data receiver, said method includes the steps of:

the broadcast data receiver identifying whether a series of programs exist for a program selected for viewing on said system;

the broadcast data receiver searching received data for the next episode in the selected program series; and

when an episode is identified the broadcast data receiver then generates an indication to inform the viewer of when the next episode of the program is to be shown and said indication is generated as text on the display screen.

18. (Previously Presented) A television system, said system comprising:

a display screen;

broadcast digital data in the form of audio video and/or auxiliary data including details of a program which may be one in a series of programs available for selection by a viewer; and

a broadcast data receiver for receiving said digital data and for processing said digital data to allow video and/or text to be selectively viewed on said display screen and having indication means for indicating to a viewer at a predetermined time point details of the scheduled display of the next episode in a series of programs and wherein said indication means generate an indication as text on the display screen.

19. (New) A television system, said system comprising:

a display screen;

a broadcast data receiver connected to said display screen for receiving broadcast digital data in the form of audio, video and/or auxiliary data from a remote broadcaster and for processing said data to allow video and/or text to be selectively viewed on said display screen, said video and text which can be selected, including details of programs available for selection by a viewer; and

when a program which is selected for viewing is part of a series of programs, at a predetermined time point during or at the end of the selected program, an indication is generated by the broadcast data receiver to inform the viewer of the details of the scheduled display of the next episode of the series of programs and is based on information provided in a text display in said display screen and when said broadcast data receiver detects the end of the selected program and said broadcast data receiver searches, or has already searched, through an electronic program guide data in said broadcast data receiver to identify the scheduled showing of the next episode of the program series an indication is generated.